



Rotorua Lakes Council 2025 Triennial Elections DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the Rotorua Lakes Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayoralty	Votes Received
TAPSELL, Tania	12,380
PATERSON, Don (Saving Rotorua)	2,952
LEE, Robert (Independent)	2,822
BARRETT, Haehaetu	2,752
FRASER, Takeina	468
INFORMAL	35
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	386

Tania TAPSELL is declared elected.

Rural Ward (1 vacancy)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Karen BARKER is elected unopposed.

Te Ipu Wai Auraki General Ward (6 vacancies)	Votes Received
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WANG, Fisher (Independent)	7,199
KAI FONG, Sandra	6,915
SANDFORD, Ben	6,686
BROWN, Gregg	5,421
PATERSON, Don (Saving Rotorua)	4,850
LEE, Robert (Independent)	4,555
ANGUS, Philly	4,298
O'BRIEN, Conan (Restore, Rebuild and Reform)	4,282
GRAY, Ryan (Moving Rotorua Forward)	4,259
CHAPMAN, Jenny	3,901
MACPHERSON, Reynold (Rotorua Residents and Ratepayers)	3,851
DAVIS, Brendan (Your voice on Council)	3,379
ADAMS, Jared (Independent)	2,246
DOIDGE, Mathew	2,104
NEILSON, Pam	2,067
MORRISON, Mariana	1,995
RAETHEL, Neville (Keep New Zealand Beautiful)	1,715
GRAPL, Frank (The Tank) (Revive and thrive Rotorua - Together)	1,356
COLLINS, Richard (Think Positive)	1,306
SETHI, Rahul	1,257
FRASER, Takeina	711
MONAHAN, Jason	638
INFORMAL	48
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	133

Gregg BROWN, Sandra KAI FONG, Robert LEE, Don PATERSON, Ben SANDFORD and Fisher WANG are declared elected.

Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
TEMARA-BENFELL, Te Rika (Te Pāti Māori)	2,768
MAXWELL, Trevor Horowaewae	2,739
RAUKAWA-TAIT, Merepeka	2,328
WARU, Rawiri (Independent)	2,266
RUPAPERA, Harina Rinaha	1,308
SKIPWITH, Te Whatanui	1,284
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	42

Trevor Horowaewae MAXWELL, Merepeka RAUKAWA-TAIT and Te Rika TEMARA-BENFELL are declared elected.

Rotorua Lakes Community Board (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Peter MACMILLAN, Jennifer ROTHWELL are elected unopposed.

Rotorua Rural Community Board (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
GUYTON, Colin	1,693
MARSHALL, Tina	1,298
FORLONG, Karen	1,106
ROSE, Tina	1,059
BIDOIS, Rachel	890
CLARK, Rachel	451
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	128

Karen FORLONG, Colin GUYTON, Tina MARSHALL and Tina ROSE are declared elected.

Māori Ward Poll - Rotorua LC	Votes Received
I VOTE TO KEEP THE MĀORI WARD	11,363
I VOTE TO REMOVE THE MĀORI WARD	8,507
INFORMAL	3
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	1,922

I declare that the option to KEEP THE MĀORI WARD has received the most votes. The poll result is binding and will apply for Rotorua Lakes Council elections to be held in 2028 and 2031.

The voter return was 43.27%, being 21,796 votes, including special votes.

**Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer
Rotorua Lakes Council
16 October 2025**